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I. DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926, for heroism while participating in aerial flight on the dates indicated below, a Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded by the Department of the Army to:

Major Curtis J. Herrick, Jr., , Infantry, United States Army,
11 June 1968.

Staff Sergeant Hoyt L. Bowen, , United States Army, 14 February 1971.

II. SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926, for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy on the date indicated below, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Carl J. Allen, , Military Police Corps,
United States Army, 11 March 1972.

Specialist Six Dennis Morris, , United States Army, 9 April 1972.

Chief Warrant Officer Charlie E. Morton, Jr., , United States Army, 10 August 1971.

Specialist Four William R. O'Connor, , United States Army,
5 March 1972.

Specialist Four Dan W. Bryant, , United States Army,
5 March 1972. (This award supersedes the Army Commendation Medal awarded by Commanding General, United States Army Alaska, under the provision of paragraph 7a, AR 672-5-1, to Specialist Bryant for heroism on 5 March 1972.)

III. AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9158, 11 May 1942, as amended by Executive Order 9242-A, 11 September 1942, for heroism while participating in aerial flight on the date indicated below, an Air Medal with V-device for heroism is awarded by the Department of the Army to:

Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth R. Cowser, , United States Air Force, 25 October 1968.

IV. THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY). Award of the Presidential Unit Citation (Army) by the President of the United States of America to the following units of the Armed Forces of the United States is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 194, AR 672-5-1. The text of the citation, signed by President Richard Nixon on 22 August 1972, reads as follows:

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By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, I have today awarded

THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY)
FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM
TO THE
2D BATTALION, 7TH CAVALRY (1ST CAVALRY DIVISION)
UNITED STATES ARMY, AND ATTACHED UNITS

2d Battalion, 7th Cavalry (25 August 1966 to 4 April 1967)
Company B, 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry (12 December 1966 to 13 February 1967)
Company B, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry (9 November 1966 to 12 December 1966)
Troop C, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry (25 August 1966 to 1 October 1966)
Scout Team, Troop C, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry (1 October 1966 to 28 February 1967)
Scout Team, Troop A, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry (1 October 1966 to 28 February 1967)
Company C, 2d Battalion, 12th Cavalry (15 October 1966 to 9 November 1966)
2d Platoon, Company C, 8th Engineer Battalion (26 August 1966 to 26 February 1967)
3d Platoon, Company C, 8th Engineer Battalion (26 February 1967 to 4 April 1967)
Pathfinder Team, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Group (25 August 1966 to 4 April 1967)
Company A, 13th Signal Battalion (25 August 1966 to 4 April 1967)
Battery A, 2d Battalion, 20th Artillery (11 December 1966 to 4 April 1967)
Battery C, 2d Battalion, 20th Artillery (25 August 1966 to 11 December 1966)
Battery A, 1st Battalion, 21st Artillery (25 August 1966 to 10 September 1966 and 28 February 1967 to 4 April 1967)
Battery B, 1st Battalion, 21st Artillery (10 September 1966 to 28 February 1967)
25th Infantry Platoon (1 November 1966 to 4 April 1967)
Company A and Company D, 227th Aviation Battalion (26 January 1967 to 4 April 1967)
Company A, and Company C 228th Aviation Battalion (25 August 1966 to 4 April 1967)
Company C and Company D, 229th Aviation Battalion (25 August 1966 to 26 January 1967)
371st Radio Research Unit (17 November 1966 to 4 April 1967)
3d Platoon, 545th Military Police Company (25 August 1966 to 14 November 1966)
Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Cavalry Division (25 August 1966 to 4 April 1967)
2d Platoon, Company A, 14th Engineer Battalion (22 December 1966 to 4 April 1967)
8th Battalion, 26th Artillery (9 February 1967 to 4 April 1967)
Section 1, 3d Platoon, Battery B, 29th Artillery (9 February 1967 to 4 April 1967)

Team 4, 41st Civil Affairs Company (25 August 1966 to 4 April 1967)
 Section, Company A, 54th Signal Battalion (25 August 1966 to 4 April 1967)
 Counterintelligence and Interrogation of Prisoner of War Team, 55th Military Intelligence Company (25 August 1966 to 4 April 1967)
 2d Platoon, Company B, 87th Engineer Battalion (13 September 1966 to 22 December 1966)
 Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1st Logistical Command (25 August 1966 to 4 April 1967)
 3d Platoon, 272d Military Police Company (14 November 1966 to 4 April 1967)
 Battery A, 4th Battalion, 60th Artillery (25 August 1966 to 4 April 1967)
 Battery E, 41st Artillery (25 August 1966 to 4 April 1967)
 Battery C, 6th Battalion, 32d Artillery (25 August 1966 to 4 April 1967) Team 8, 245th Psychological Operations Company (25 August 1966 to 4 April 1967)
 Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (Provisional) (25 August 1966 to 4 April 1967)
 Luong Son Detachment, 5th Special Forces Group 1st Special Forces (25 August 1966 to 4 April 1967)

The 2d Battalion, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, and attached units, distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force in Binh Thuan Province, Republic of Vietnam, during the period 25 August 1966 through 4 April 1967. The Battalion and its attached organizations, which comprised Task Force 2/7, supported the Republic of Vietnam in its revolutionary development program in Binh Thuan Province. The area was almost entirely under Viet Cong control when Task Force 2/7 arrived in the province. The 482d and 840th Viet Cong Battalions, and their ancillary units, operated almost at will throughout the area, except for the coastal enclave of Pham Thiet which was still under government control. Operating over an area of almost 5,000 square kilometers, Task Force 2/7 struck at enemy forces in a succession of brilliantly conceived and gallantly executed maneuvers. During this period, the Task Force mounted 371 combat assaults into enemy held territory. In eight months of fierce combat, the Task Force lost 11 men while causing the enemy to lose 481 men. It captured 70 enemy soldiers, 151 weapons, 291 tons of rice, 3.6 tons of salt, and 7.4 tons of other grains. It destroyed over 600 bunkers and numerous installations. The spirit, devotion to duty, and courage displayed by Task Force 2/7 personnel set a superb example for the Republic of Vietnam Forces in the area. Control of Binh Thuan Province passed from the Viet Cong to free world military forces, and the enemy was unable to operate effectively in strength by day or night. The conspicuous gallantry, intrepidity, heroism, and audacity displayed by the members of the task force in combat are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon them, their units, and the Armed Forces of the United States.

V. VALOROUS UNIT AWARD, Amended. Section I, Paragraph 2, DA General Orders 48, 1971, pertaining to the Valorous Unit Award to the 2d Squadron, 17th Cavalry and its assigned and attached units is amended to add "2d Force Reconnaissance Company, III Marine Amphibious Force".

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By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

CREIGHTON W. ABRAMS
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff

Official:

VERNE L. BOWERS
Major General, United States Army
The Adjutant General

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